

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
CASE NO. 25-CV-20757-JB

JANE DOE,

Miami, Florida

Plaintiff,

April 4, 2025

vs.

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STEVEN K. BONNELL, II,

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Defendant.

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE JACQUELINE BECERRA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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04:52PM 1 MS. SCHLUMP: We have had discussions with counsel prior
04:52PM 2 to this, and they were not very productive, so I did not think
04:52PM 3 that discussing this matter with them -- I mean Mr. Brettler just
04:52PM 4 said his client is not destroying evidence. We know the client is
04:52PM 5 destroying evidence. We've seen it. So it's just not --

04:52PM 6 THE COURT: Hold on. Hold on. When I speak, you have to
04:52PM 7 stop.

04:52PM 8 MS. SCHLUMP: Sorry. Go ahead. Yes. Sorry.

04:52PM 9 THE COURT: One, not just because I'm the judge; but two,
04:52PM 10 because my court reporter only writes down what one person says,
04:52PM 11 and I promise it's always what I'm saying if there are two people
04:52PM 12 talking.

04:52PM 13 My point to you is you can tell them "Your client is
04:52PM 14 destroying evidence." Of course they're going to tell you that
04:52PM 15 he's not; I would hope they're going to say that. Now, if you
04:52PM 16 show them evidence of it, they're probably not going to say "Yeah,
04:52PM 17 he is destroying evidence," but they might talk to their client
04:52PM 18 and come to some agreement with you about what he can and can't
04:52PM 19 do.

04:52PM 20 So, you know, productivity isn't them acquiescing to your
04:53PM 21 allegation, but you might be able to get some resolution of what
04:53PM 22 he can and can't do in this space in terms of what he can do with
04:53PM 23 his emails and what he can do with his chats. I mean there are so
04:53PM 24 many platforms and things now, I don't even try to keep up with
04:53PM 25 them. Even though I have a teenager and I think I do keep up with

04:53PM 1 them, I don't because there is something new that comes out every
04:53PM 2 day. So whatever platforms he is chatting with people or talking
04:53PM 3 to people on, you know, these things I know are moving targets,
04:53PM 4 but it's always productive to talk.

04:53PM 5 And let me just say one more thing because it's day --
04:53PM 6 not day one because you filed in February, but we're really early
04:53PM 7 on in this litigation that will be before me for God knows how
04:53PM 8 long. You need to confer.

04:53PM 9 MS. SCHLUMP: Understood.

04:53PM 10 THE COURT: And you need to confer a lot. I think good
04:53PM 11 lawyers working in good faith can work a lot of things out; and
04:53PM 12 when you can't, that's my job and I'm happy to hear disputes. I
04:54PM 13 obviously love it; otherwise I wouldn't want this job. But the
04:54PM 14 dispute is better and it's easier for the Court and it's fairer
04:54PM 15 for the parties if what's before the Court has really been
04:54PM 16 crystalized by conferral.

04:54PM 17 So I hear you that these lawyers aren't going to agree
04:54PM 18 with you probably on much when it comes to the substance, but it
04:54PM 19 does help to crystalize the issues if you at least talk to each
04:54PM 20 other. And it's very difficult when they've been sitting with you
04:54PM 21 for an hour talking about the schedule, you never mentioned the
04:54PM 22 TRO and it gets filed, it doesn't help in terms of the lawyers
04:54PM 23 trusting each other to at least bring issues in good faith.

04:54PM 24 It's a complex case. I understand, you know, it's a
04:54PM 25 sensitive matter for your client, I understand that. But if we

04:54PM 1 want to go forward in a way that's productive going forward, I'm
04:54PM 2 going to encourage you as best you can to talk to the lawyers.
04:55PM 3 Keep talking to the defense lawyers. And I'm not telling you to
04:55PM 4 agree with them, I'm just telling you that to work in good faith
04:55PM 5 to try to bring things to the Court when they have been
04:55PM 6 crystalized and when they have been vetted by both sides. I think
04:55PM 7 that only helps the Court and I think it only helps the parties.

04:55PM 8 So as I said, for purposes of my ruling, I find that the
04:55PM 9 request for a TRO is stale. There is no urgent issue before the
04:55PM 10 Court. It can be handled at the preliminary injunction.

04:55PM 11 Because of my court schedule and my trial schedule, it
04:55PM 12 will be referred to the magistrate judge. I would expect that by
04:55PM 13 Monday, you know, his chambers will reach out to you by order or
04:55PM 14 by phone or something or Tuesday maybe to figure out what those
04:55PM 15 dates are and what that schedule is.

04:55PM 16 All right. Anything else on behalf of the plaintiff?

04:55PM 17 MS. SCHLUMP: No, Your Honor.

04:55PM 18 THE COURT: On behalf of the defendant?

04:55PM 19 MR. BRETTLER: The only thing, Your Honor, is I will
04:55PM 20 absolutely appear in person at future hearings. The only reason I
04:55PM 21 couldn't is because we only had 18 hours' notice of this one;
04:55PM 22 otherwise, I would have been on an airplane, and appreciate the
04:56PM 23 Court's accommodation.

04:56PM 24 THE COURT: Look, I missed it because I saw Bilzin and I
04:56PM 25 missed that there was an L.A. lawyer on it. And I just wanted to